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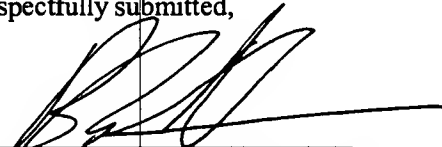
Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed July 2, 2002. The Notice indicates that the application was abandoned in view of the Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on January 15, 2002. A Response to Office Action, dated July 11, 2002, along with a Petition to extend the deadline for filing a response to July 15, 2002, was filed for this application.

Examiner's telephone message of July 10, 2002 to Mr. Robert Nakano indicated that the Examiner mistakenly issued this Notice of Abandonment prior to expiry of six months from the mailing of the Office Action i.e. prior to July 15, 2002. Applicant understands from that same telephone message that Examiner will withdraw the Notice of Abandonment without requiring petition from Applicant. On that basis, Applicant understands that the application is not abandoned and that the Response dated July 11, 2002 is being considered by the Patent Office.

Acknowledgement of the return receipt card included with our correspondence is requested. Should any Patent Official wish to telephone us, the call should be placed to Robert H. Nakano at (416) 863-2785.

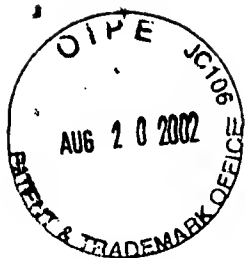
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